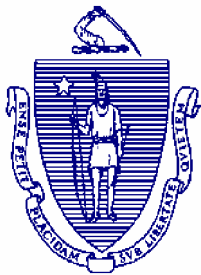


Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, April 2007



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

EOPS Funding Opportunities

GHSB 2006-2007 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open Enrollment through Summer 2007

The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau (GHSB), a program of the Executive Office of Public Safety within the Office of Grants and Research, is announcing the open enrollment of high visibility traffic enforcement grants for local police departments to conduct mobilizations entitled "Click It or Ticket," "Road Respect," and "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." Join more than 200 local police departments currently part of this grant program which began in December 2006 and continues through Labor Day 2007.

For more information: www.mass.gov/ghsb

Student Awareness of Fire Education Grant Application FY 2007

Application Deadline: April 16, 2007

The Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program was established in Fiscal Year 1996 in an effort to educate students about the fire and health hazards of smoking-related materials. The S.A.F.E. Program is designed to create a partnership between the school and fire departments, working jointly to reach the goals and objectives of the state's Curriculum Frameworks and the Common Core of Learning and teaching the Key Fire Safety Behaviors in the *Massachusetts Public Fire and Life Safety Education Curriculum Planning Guidebook*, and by modeling teamwork for the students. If a fire department had an active Student Awareness of Fire Education Program in any of the Fiscal Years 2000-2006, they may apply for a Program Grant. Otherwise the fire department is eligible to apply for a Planning Grant only.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding Click Fire Safety

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The Bulletproof Vest Partnership

Application Deadline: April 30, 2007

“The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP), created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998, is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement. Since 1999, over 11,900 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP Program, with \$173 million in federal funds committed to support the purchase of an estimated 450,000 vests. The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) administers the BVP Program. BVP funds up to 50 percent of the cost of each vest purchased or replaced by law enforcement applicants. Only vest models that comply with the requirements of the Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice (NIJ) may be purchased with BVP Program funds. Visit the link below for eligibility and application instructions.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi/?openSections=05&titleGraphic=bvp&level1=Program+Guidelines&level2=>

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Enhanced Tools for Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Vehicle Borne IED Defeat

Application Deadline: April 30, 2007

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking applications for funding to enhance the ability of law enforcement personnel to deal with the threat of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Devices (VBIEDs). NIJ is especially interested in proposals for the development and demonstration of new tools in the following areas of urgent concern: vehicle bomb confirmation, diagnostic tools for bomb disposal, and enhanced reconnaissance capability for bomb squad robots. Proposals addressing other areas of response to the suspected presence of explosive devices will also be considered.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000758.pdf>

Institutional Corrections Technology

Application Deadline: April 30, 2007

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking applications for funding technology research, development, testing, and technical evaluation projects that address the technology needs of State and local corrections agencies and other criminal justice agencies that collaborate with them. Concepts may address new technologies that support the operations of a correctional facility. Additionally, NIJ may consider the application of new technologies not developed specifically for corrections but which have corrections application. Specific areas of interest include: contraband detection; data analysis, integration, and sharing; duress alarm systems; identification and tracking; surveillance and monitoring; and multi-threat biohazard protective apparel for corrections officers.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000772.pdf>

Research and Development in Forensic Toxicology

Application Deadline: April 30, 2007

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks proposals for research and development to enhance the analytical tools, technologies, and techniques used by crime laboratories to conduct forensic toxicological analyses. This solicitation focuses on: advancing research on alternative drug testing matrices and the pharmacokinetic relationship between these alternative matrices and controlled substances, improving the specificity and sensitivity of analytical tools and technologies used in forensic toxicological analyses, developing new analytical techniques, and developing nondestructive techniques.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000763.pdf>

2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program

Application Deadline: May 4, 2007

“The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will award approximately \$492.3 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency management organizations under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. AFG awards assist first-responder organizations in purchasing response equipment, personal protective equipment, and vehicles. Awards are allocated through two AFG programs: the Operations and Safety Program and the Vehicle Acquisition Program. The Operations and Safety Program prioritizes funding for activities such as training, equipment, personal protective equipment, wellness and fitness, and health and safety modifications to stations and facilities. The Vehicle Acquisition Program prioritizes funding for assets such as brush trucks, tankers and tenders, rescue vehicles, ambulances, aerials, foam units, and fireboats. AFG awards are determined on a competitive basis.”

For more information: www.firegrantsupport.com or www.usfa.fema.gov

Solving Cold Cases With DNA

Application Deadline: May 14, 2007

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking proposals from States and units of local government for funding to identify, review, and investigate violent crime “cold cases” that have the potential to be solved using DNA analysis, and to locate and analyze biological evidence associated with these cases. Experience has shown that cold case programs can solve a substantial number of violent crime cold cases, including homicides and sexual assaults. Advances in DNA technologies have substantially increased the successful DNA analysis of aged, degraded, limited or otherwise compromised biological evidence. As a result, crime scene samples once thought to be unsuitable for testing may now yield DNA profiles. Additionally, samples that previously generated inconclusive DNA results may now be successfully analyzed using newer methods.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000789.pdf>

Research and Publications

Voice Encryption for Radios

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs recently released a report on voice encryption for radios used by public safety personnel. The report includes a brief overview of the encryption process and suggestions for effective encryption management. Encryption is a way to “lock” voice transmissions, ensuring that they can only be listened to by authorized personnel. According to the report, without encryption public safety voice transmissions are vulnerable to eavesdropping and thus, potentially endanger both the public and public safety personnel.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/217103.pdf>

New Searchable Database Helps Evaluate Mental Health Programs

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has created the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP), a new online searchable database for evidenced-based interventions for the prevention and treatment of mental health and substance abuse disorders. Searches can be conducted based upon desired outcomes, target populations, and service settings.

For more information go to: <http://www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/>

Overcoming Language Barriers: Solutions for Law Enforcement

The Vera Institute of Justice, with support from The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), published this report to provide law enforcement agencies with strategies to help ensure language access to the limited English proficient (LEP) populations in their jurisdiction. In addition to providing an overview of the public safety language barrier issue, they also discuss how varying public safety agencies can successfully address such concerns by adopting specialized practices.

Access full text at: http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/files/ric/Publications/vera_translating_justice_final.pdf

Justice Delayed? Time Consumption in Capital Appeals: A Multistate Study

This study, sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, examines the time taken to process direct appeals of capital cases in 14 States: Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. The report examined 1,676 capital cases resolved on direct appeal by the court of last resort (COLR) between January 1992 and December 2002. The study evaluated which states were most efficient in processing appeals and compared state statistics to American Bar Association guidelines. The report also provides policy recommendations to help streamline death penalty appeals.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/217555.pdf>

Law Enforcement Tech Guide for Creating Performance Measures that Work

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) produced this resource guide to assist public safety organizations in developing agency-specific performance measures to assess efficiency. The guidebook outlines a multi-step process that provides a comprehensive approach to improving the evaluation of law enforcement strategies. It is a companion to the COPS-funded "Law Enforcement Tech Guide: How to plan, purchase and manage technology (successfully!)."

Access full text at: http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/files/ric/Publications/e01071253_performance.pdf

Conferences and Trainings

Restorative Justice Workshop

April 14, 2007 in Boston, MA

This Restorative Justice Workshop at Northeastern University Law School will feature David Lerman and Tom Reed from Milwaukee's Community Conferencing Program, one of the first successful restorative justice programs in a high crime, urban area of the country. The event will give legal professionals in Massachusetts a primer on restorative justice practices, its applications in the criminal justice setting, and the nuts and bolts of creating a successful restorative justice program in an urban setting.

To register, contact Yael Shy at 617-960-6271 or shy.y@neu.edu.

International Community Corrections Association Policy Forum

April 24, 2007 in Washington, DC

The International Community Corrections Association (ICCA) features an annual research conference featuring “What Works” in community corrections. Keynote speeches highlight evidence-based best practices in the field. An array of workshops focus on implementing best practices in a wide variety of topic areas, including: juvenile justice, treatment issues, jail reentry, and sentencing reform.

For more information: <http://www.iccaweb.org/index.php?section=6>

2007 Victim Rights Conference

April 26, 2007 in Boston, MA

The Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) is pleased to announce the Annual Massachusetts Victim Rights Conference. This conference brings together survivors, victim service and criminal justice professionals, elected officials, and legislators, among others for a day of inspiration, networking, exhibits and awards. This year, opening remarks will be given by Governor Deval Patrick, First Lady Diane Patrick, and Attorney General Martha Coakley. A collaborative art exhibit will be featured, titled Violence Transformed, which will examine violence and its impact, commemorate victims, foster healing, and imagine alternatives.

For more information: www.mass.gov/mova

Young Children and Violence: Lessons from the Past, Hopes for the Future

May 7, 2007 in Boston, MA

The Child Witness to Violence Project (CWVP) is a counseling, advocacy, and outreach project that focuses on the growing number of young children who are hidden victims of violence: children who are bystanders to community and domestic violence. There is a \$40 registration fee and registration is limited to 200 participants.

For more information: <http://www.childwitness tov violence.org/>

The Massachusetts Association of Crime Analysts Decadal Conference

May 14-18, 2007 in Barnstable, MA

Massachusetts Association of Crime Analysts 10th Annual Conference promises to bring more skills training, knowledge, wisdom and inspiration to every attendee. Conference sessions include: the basics of crime analysis, starting a COMPSTAT Program, temporal analysis, grant writing, and training in MS Excel, Access and Arcview GIS.

For more information: <http://www.macrimeanalysts.com/conference2007/index.html#Registration>

Innovations in Justice, Information Sharing Strategies and Best Practices

June 4-6, 2007 in Jacksonville, FL

This Bureau of Justice Assistance conference will help participants explore, and better understand how to plan, manage, and implement technology solutions for information sharing systems. Experts will discuss the latest innovative solutions in justice and public safety information sharing, including key developments in: information sharing policy, privacy and security, coordinating broad-based information sharing initiatives, U.S. Department of Justice Global Justice XML Data Model implementation, and latest technologies and standards.

For more information: <http://www.search.org/conferences/2006reginfo sharing/>

National Center for Victims of Crime's National Conference - Advancing Practice, Policy and Research

June 18-20, 2007 in Washington, DC

This conference, a joint effort of the National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVS) and the National Crime Victim Bar Association, will show you how to advance practice, policy, and research within the crime victimization field. Workshops will address a wide range of topics, including: violent crime, collaboration, financial/property crime, underserved populations, direct services, trauma/resilience, violence against women, and media/outreach.

For more information: http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB_2005NationalConference571

2007 National Homicide Investigation Conference

June 21-22, 2007 in Arlington, VA

This training, sponsored by the Law Enforcement Development Center and the Performance Institute, is designed to help your investigations team upgrade strategies, identify the latest emerging issues, and master the most effective interrogation techniques. The event speakers include Dr Robert Keppel, primary investigator in the Ted Bundy murder cases, FBI Agent Brad Garrett, lead investigator in the Chandra Levy homicide, and Don Clark, lead investigator for the FBI's top-10 fugitive "Railcar Killer". Sessions topics will include: task forces, gang-related homicides, investigation tactics, crime analysis, and interrogation techniques.

For more information: <http://www.performanceweb.org/brochure/l246-jb.pdf>

In The News

Boston's Davis Vows To Bolster Detective Ranks

***The Boston Globe*, March 1, 2007**

According to an article in *The Boston Globe*, Boston Police Commissioner Edward Davis plans to boost his department's thinned detective ranks, saying that he believes the department's declining success in solving serious crimes is influenced by a shortage of investigators. Boston Police Department's clearance rate, or the percentage of cases in which an arrest is made or a suspect identified, has mirrored the decline in the number of detectives. Commissioner Davis is planning to wait for a detectives test to be given in June before deciding exactly how many officers will be promoted and when.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/03/01/city_police_plan_an_influx_of_detectives/

Dorchester on Edge after Two Shootings

***The Boston Globe*, April 1, 2007**

Many Boston residents are on edge after the recent surge of violence in the Dorchester area. According to an article in *The Boston Globe*, officials are scrambling for ways to "end this insanity," in the words of one city councilor. Police Commissioner Edward Davis said his department is pursuing suspects on several fronts and that the department is also launching a comprehensive plan "to increase our visibility."

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2007/04/01/dorchester_on_edge_after_two_shootings/

At-risk Teenage Girls Get Chance to Remix Lives

***The Republican*, April 3, 2007**

Springfield has started the Hip Hop Remix program, coordinated by Thomas J. Ginley Jr., chief probation officer of Hampden County Juvenile Court and Judge Rebekah J. Crampton Kamukala. The program is part of the Berkshire Project which was founded by social worker Marc J. Aronoff in 1999 in Berkshire County. There are currently ten girls involved in the program, all referred to the program by the Hampden County juvenile court system. The program is made up of three parts: talking, dancing and writing. According to those who developed the program, the counseling part helps them gain perspective on who they are and where they need to go, while the dance part is just a bonus.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/living/republican/index.ssf?/base/living-1/1175325635253380.xml&coll=1&thispage=3>

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